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September 2, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) now has under review BellSouth's application to provide long distance service to businesses and residential customers in the state of South Carolina. I am writing in support of BellSouth's application and to urge the Commission to approve it without delay.

BellSouth's application has been thoroughly reviewed by South Carolina's Public Service Commission. After a rigorous review, the commission has concluded, unanimously, that BellSouth's entry into the long distance market is in the public interest.


Provision of long distance service by BellSouth in South Carolina will increase competition resulting in better prices, better service, more telecommunications choices for businesses and residential customers, and new information age jobs for workers in our area.

BellSouth has been a good corporate citizen in our local community, working with government, business and others to provide new telecommunications services.

Now, BellSouth is poised to offer a complete package of telecommunications services to customers in South Carolina. BellSouth will be a stronger partner in local economic development efforts, and the company will be better positioned to bring new technology and services to our local schools, libraries and other community facilities.

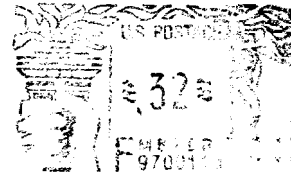
The Telecommunications Act of 1996 authorizes the FCC to take up to ninety days to approve long distance applications from the regional Bell companies. In light of the findings of the South Carolina Public Service Commission, the FCC should approve BellSouth's application immediately. Taking longer will serve no useful purpose and will unnecessarily deny the citizens of our area the very real benefits of new competition in the long distance market.

Sincerely,


Jim Stone, Chairman
Darlington County Council
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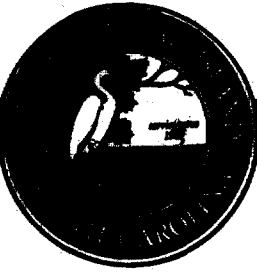
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing in support of BellSouth's application to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to provide long distance service to businesses and residential customers in the state of South Carolina.

On July 25, 1997, BellSouth's application was unanimously approved by the South Carolina Public Service Commission (PSC). The PSC certified that BellSouth has met the 14 point competitive checklist included in the Federal Act and they affirmed that BellSouth's entry into the long distance business is in the public interest.

I support the South Carolina Commission's Decision. Provision of long distance service by BellSouth in South Carolina will increase competition resulting in better prices, better service, more telecommunications choices for businesses and residential customers, and new technical jobs and for workers and service throughout the state.

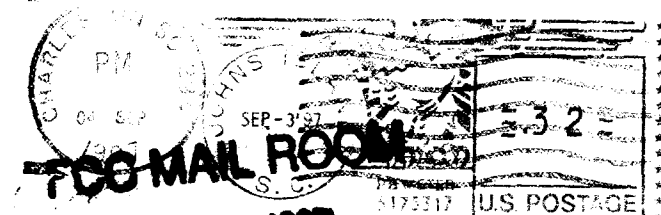
I urge you to approve BellSouth's application at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

Ralph Magnotti
Mayor, Kiawah Island

cc: Donaald Russell
Telecommunications Task Force
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will have under review BellSouth's application to provide long distance service in South Carolina. I am writing in support of BellSouth's application.

BellSouth's application was unanimously approved (7-0) by the South Carolina Public Service Commission. I support the South Carolina Commission's affirmation that BellSouth's entry into long distance is in the public interest.

Long distance service by BellSouth in South Carolina will increase competition and provide more telecommunications choices.

I urge you to approve BellSouth's application as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

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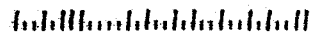
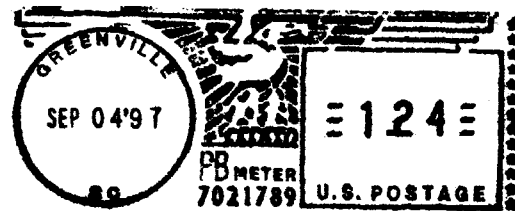


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Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Federal Communications Commission will have BellSouth's application to provide long distance service in South Carolina. I am writing in support of BellSouth's application and to urge the Commission to approve it as quickly as possible.

BellSouth's application was unanimously approved (7-0) by the South Carolina Public Service Commission. I support the South Carolina Commission's decision.

Provision of long distance by BellSouth in South Carolina will increase competition resulting in more telecommunications choices for businesses and residential customers.

In light of the findings of the South Carolina PSC, I urge you to approve BellSouth's application as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

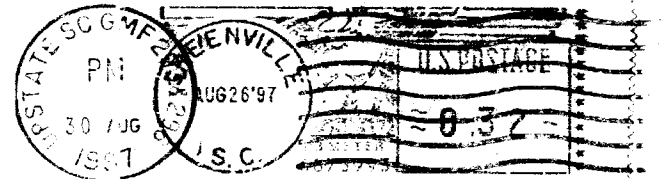


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